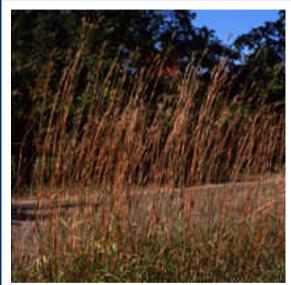
Andropogon gerardii

Big Bluestem



Plant Type: Size: 4-9' Н

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Grass/Grasslike

A tall, clump-forming grass, with blue-green foliage, turning rich bronze in fall. Also called turkeyfoot, because of its distinctive, three-forked seedheads. Remains standing throughout the winter. Big bluestem was one of the dominant grasses of the tallgrass prairie. Because of its height, best used as a single specimen plant, as a background plant, or in a naturalized setting. Its bronze color adds beautiful highlights to the winter garden. Don't fertilize it or it will flop over.

Suggested companions: bur oak (Quercus macrocarpa), indian grass (Sorghastrum nutans), little bluestem (Schizachryium scoparium), switch grass (Panicum virgatum), a wide variety of prairie flowers such as goldenrods (Solidago sp.), blazing stars (Liatris sp.) and asters (Aster sp.)

Bloom Time:

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Flower Color:

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Open field/ Prairie Wet Meadow

Clay Very Damp/Wet Sandy/ Gravelly

Soil: Average Garden Soil

Exposure: sun Plant in:

Groundcover:

Wildlife attracting Fall color Winter interest Butterfly attracting

Other Attributes:

No